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### State Veterans Affairs Commissioner Linda Schwartz to Visit Wilton



State Rep. Toni Boucher, R-143<sup>rd</sup>, Wilton, Norwalk, announced that State Veterans Affairs Commissioner Linda S. Schwartz will give an update on recent state legislation that affects veterans benefits in Connecticut.

The meeting will take place at the Wilton Town Hall Annex, Monday, June 21, 2004, from 4:30 to 6:00 p.m. Veterans, other residents and news media from Wilton, Norwalk and area communities are welcome to attend.

Linda Spoonster Schwartz, RN, Major USAF (Ret.), has been an associate research scientist at the Yale University School of Nursing in New Haven. Commissioner Schwartz is retired from the United States Air Force where she served from 1968 to 1986 in the Air Force Nurse Corps. She has dedicated her post military career to teaching and veterans' issues. She has been commended for her leadership on the issue of homeless veterans, Agent Orange and Post Traumatic Stress Syndrome.

In 1997 Schwartz received an Exceptional Leadership Award from the Viet Nam Veterans of America. She received a Masters in Nursing from Yale University School of Nursing and holds a Doctorate in Public Health from Yale University School of Medicine, Department of Epidemiology and Public Health. Dr. Schwartz served 16 years in the United States Air Force Nurse Corps and is a veteran of the Viet Nam War. She has taught and lectured at Mohegan Community College, UCONN and Central Connecticut State University. She was elected to the American Academy of Nursing in 2001 and presently serves on the Advisory Committee on Women Veterans for the U.S. Department of Veterans' Affairs.

Rep. Boucher serves the 143<sup>rd</sup> Assembly District of Wilton and Norwalk.